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Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 11:14 PM
To: Han, Linda (DPH) <Linda.Han@MassMail.State.MA.US>
Subject: FW:

Desperate plea from Betsy

From: O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 3:02 PM
To: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Cc: Salemi, Charles (DPH)
Subject: RE:

We need to revisit this issue. We can't continue to take in samples. The safe is full. We don't have the resources to handle all of the discovery requests/resubmittals/court orders/chemists at the window, etc., in addition to day to day matters.

By April 18, 2011 we had received 4961 samples year to date...this year by April 18, 2012 we have received 5651 samples year to date, an increase of 14%.

Is there any overtime to reduce some of the backlog? Personally I do not want to work any overtime but it is very difficult for the evidence office to keep up with all the demands, including the significant increase in expedited samples due to the overwhelming backlog.

Thanks,

ELO

From: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 12:27 PM
To: O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)
Cc: Salemi, Charles (DPH)
Subject: RE:

I can discuss after say 3:30 today but am strongly in favor of diverting if Ellen is willing to accept. Let's figure out the best way to inform PDs and proceed.
Julie

From: O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 12:22 PM
To: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Cc: Salemi, Charles (DPH)
Subject:

Can we discuss diverting some towns to Worcester immediately? I would suggest Fall River, New Bedford and maybe Taunton. I have spoken to Ellen who is quite willing to take them on.

We have a Boston backlog of 10,977 as of today and are working on July 12, 2011 routine samples. We cannot keep up with the expedited samples and resubmittals at this time.

We are shorthanded in the evidence office, especially if one of us is out (That being Shirley or myself as Gloria is always out). I would like to address that also. It would be beneficial to have Della fully trained to help out. We cannot have one person responsible for dealing with police agencies and dealing with chemists needs all by themselves.

Thanks,

Betsy